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<p>Remarks: Attached are two articles translated from "Novoye Russkoye Slovo" on Rastvorov requested in conversation of 24 March 1954.</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">MAR 29 1954</div></div>				
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SUBJECT: Iuriy Rastvorov

In the absence of any other information on Rastvorov, "NOVYIE RUSSKIE SLOVA" is keeping us posted on his progress. The following is a translation of a story which appeared on 20 March 1954:

"FORMER USSR INTELLIGENCE AGENT RASTVOROV IS DELIVERED TO THE USA - His status to be similar to that of Gouzenko,

"Washington, 19 March - Iuriy Rastvorov, former Soviet Intelligence agent in Tokyo, who has been granted refuge in the USA, arrived in this country.

"At the moment he is under guard in the custody of the Central Intelligence Agency on the West Coast.

"Rastvorov's circumstances in the USA will be analogous to those of Gouzenko in Canada.

"Soviet authorities apparently attach great importance to Rastvorov's defection. In connection with his 'disappearance', the State Department received a protest against the 'kidnapping' of the Soviet employee.

"Rastvorov was offered a guarantee of complete safety on the condition that he reveal all he knows of Soviet espionage. Had Rastvorov been turned over to Soviet authorities, he would have been in danger of being executed as one of Beria's proteges.

"Prior to sending the note to the State Department, Moscow delivered a similar note to Japan, demanding Rastvorov's release. The Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs replied that he did not know the whereabouts of the person in question.

"According to rumors, Rastvorov gave the Americans important information on Soviet espionage in the Far East and particularly in Korea and Manchuria."

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SUBJECT :

Yuriy Rasvorov

1. The 17 February 1954 issue of "Novoye Russkoye Slovo" newspaper carried an article entitled "Yuriy Rasvorov Defected." The following is the text of the article:

"The well-known journalist, Robert Allen, writes that two men were instrumental in securing Yuriy Rasvorov's defection. They were the head of CIA, Allen Dulles, and an American soldier whose name is being held secret. Thanks to both of them and particularly thanks to the soldier, Rasvorov is now in an American camp.

"The soldier displayed exceptional bravery. He risked a great deal and possibly even his life.

"Rasvorov had long been suspected of espionage activity by American Counter Intelligence. The soldier in question who served in an American aviation unit in the Far East succeeded in gaining the confidence of the Soviet agent. He furnished Rasvorov with 'secret information' and finally arranged for US authorities to catch himself and Rasvorov with compromising evidence at a moment when he was transmitting important documents to Rasvorov.

"Rasvorov did not decide immediately to defect. At first he demanded to be released, immediately making reference to his diplomatic inviolability, but when he became convinced that a great deal of evidence had been accumulated against him, he gave up.

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"According to Japanese laws a spy can be sentenced either to death or to a long-term prison sentence. Rasvorov was given a choice of either defecting and telling all he knows of Soviet espionage in Japan and in the Far East, or of being delivered to trial with a possibility of either a death penalty or a long prison confinement or of being deported to the USSR.

"Rasvorov decided to defect. Allen Dulles personally secured Eisenhower's agreement to offer Rasvorov refuge in the US.

"The investigating subcommittee's McCarthy and Jenner desire to interrogate Rasvorov concerning questions of national security."

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